

A True Copy of the Papers delivered to the Sheriffs of London, by William Paul, a Clergyman, and John Hall, Esq; who were Drawn, Hang'd, and Quarter'd at Tyburn, for High-Treason against His Majesty King GEORGE, July the 13th, 1716.

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The Speech of *William Paul*, a Clergyman.

Good People,

I Am just going to make my Appearance in the other World, where I must give an Account of all the Actions of my past Life; and tho' I have endeavour'd to make my Peace with God, by sincerely repenting of all my Sins; yet forasmuch as several of them are of a publick Nature, I take it to be my Duty to declare here, in the Face of the World, my hearty Abhorrence and Detestation of them.

And first I ask Pardon of GOD and the King, for having violated my Loyalty, by taking most abominable Oaths, in defence of Usurpation, against my lawful Sovereign King *James the Third*.

And as I ask Pardon of all Persons whom I have Injured or Offended; so I do especially desire Forgiveness of all those whom I have scandalized by Pleading Guilty. I am sensible that it is a base and dishonourable Action, that it is inconsistent with my Duty to the King, and an entire Surrender of my Loyalty. Human Frailty, and too great a Desire of Life, together with the Perswasions of several who pretended to be my Friends, were the Occasion of it. I trust, God, of his Infinite Mercy, upon my sincere Repentance has forgiven me, and I hope all good Christians will.

You see, my Countrymen, by my Habit, that I die a Son, tho' a very unworthy one of the Church of *England*; but I wou'd not have you think that I am a Member of the Schismatical Church, whose Bishops set themselves up, in opposition to those Orthodox Fathers, who were unlawfully and invalidly deprived by the Prince of *Orange*. I declare that I renounce that Communion, and that I die a dutiful and faithful Member of the Nonjuring Church, which has kept it self free from Rebellion and Schism, and has preserved and maintain'd true Orthodox Principles both as to Church and State; and I desire the Clergy, and all Members of the Revolution Church, to consider what bottom they stand upon, when their Succession is grounded upon an unlawful and invalid Deprivation of Catholick Bishops, the only Foundation of which Deprivation is a pretended Act of Parliament.

Having ask'd Forgiveness for my self, I come now to forgive others; I pardon those, who under the Notion of Friendship perswaded me to plead Guilty. I heartily forgive all my most inveterate Enemies, especially the Elector of *Hanover*, my Lord *Townshend*, and all others who have been instrumental in promoting my Death. Father, forgive them! Lord Jesus have Mercy upon them! and lay not this Sin to their Charge.

The next Thing I have to do, Christian Friends, is to exhort you all to return to your Duty. Remember that King *James the Third* is your only Rightful Sovereign, by the Laws of the Land, and the Constitution of the Kingdom; and therefore if you would perform the Duty of Justice to him which is due to all Mankind, you are oblig'd in Conscience to do all you can to restore him to his Crown, for it is his Right, and no Man in the World, besides himself, can lawfully claim a Title to it; and as it is your Duty to serve him, so it is your Interest, for till he is restor'd the Nation can never be happy.

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You see what Miseries and Calamities have befallen these Kingdoms by the Revolution. And I believe you are now convinc'd by woful Experience, that swerving from God's Laws, and thereby putting your selves out of his Protection, is not the Way to secure you from those Evils and Misfortunes which you are afraid of in this World. Before the Revolution you thought your Religion, Liberties and Properties in danger, and I pray you to consider how you have preserved them by Rebelling? Are they not ten times more precarious than ever? Who can say he is certain of his Life or Estate, when he considers the Proceedings of the present Administration? And as for your Religion, is it not evident that the Revolution, instead of keeping out Popery, has let in Atheism? Do not Heresies abound every Day, and are not the Teachers of false Doctrine patronized by the Great Men in the Government? This shows the Kindness and Affection they have for the Church: And to give you another Instance of their Respect and Reverence for it, you are now going to see a Priest of the Church of *England* murdered for doing his Duty. For it is not me they strike at so particularly: But it is through me that they would wound the Priesthood, bring a Disgrace upon the Gown, and a Scandal upon my Sacred Function: But they would do well to remember, that he who despises Christ's Priests, despises Christ; and he who despises him, despises him that sent him.

And now Beloved, if you have any Regard to your Country which lies bleeding under these dreadful Extremities, bring the King to his Just and Undoubted Right, That is the only way to be freed from these Misfortunes, and to secure all those Rights and Privileges which are in Danger at present. King *James* has promised to Protect and Defend the Church of *England*; he has given his Royal Word to Consent to such Laws which you yourselves shall think necessary to be made for its Preservation; and his Majesty is a Prince of that Justice, Virtue and Honour, that you have no manner of Reason to doubt the Performance of his Royal Promise. He studies nothing so much as how to make you all Easy and Happy; and whenever he comes to his Kingdom, I doubt not but you will be so.

I shall be heartily glad good People, if what I have said has any effect upon you, so as to be instrumental in making you perform your Duty; it is out of my Power now to do any thing more to serve the King, than by imploying some of the few Minutes I have to live in this World, in praying to Almighty God to shower down his Blessings Spiritual and Temporal upon his Head, to Protect him and Restore him, to be Favourable to his Undertaking, to Prosper him here, and to Reward him hereafter. I beseech the same Infinite Goodness, to preserve and defend the Church of *England*, and to Restore it to all its just Rights and Privileges: And I am, I pray God have Mercy upon me, Pardon my Sins, and Receive my Soul into his Everlasting Kingdom, That with the Patriarchs, Prophets, Apostles and Martyrs, I may Praise and Magnify him for ever and ever. *Amen.*

As to my Body Brethren, I have taken no manner of Care of it; for I value not the barbarous Part of the Sentence, of being cut down and quarter'd, when I am once gone, I shall be out of the Reach of my Enemies, and I wish I had Quarters enough to send to every Parish of the Kingdom, to testify, that a Clergyman of the Church of *England* was martyred for being Loyal to his King.

July 13, 1716.

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FRIENDS, Brethren and Countrymen, I am come here to Die for the sake of God, my King, and my Country, and I heartily rejoyce that I am counted worthy of so great an Honour; for let not any of you think that I am come to a shameful and ignominious End, the Truth and Justice of the Cause for which I Suffer, makes my Death a Duty, a Vertue, and an Honour: Remember that I lay down my Life for asserting the Right of my own Lawful Sovereign King James the Third; that I offer my self as a Victim for the Liberties and Happiness of my dear Country, and my beloved fellow Subjects; that I fall a Sacrifice to Tyranny, Oppression, and Usurpation; in short, consider that I suffer in Defence of the Commands of God, and the Laws and Hereditary Constitution of the Land, and then know, and be assured, that I am not a Traytor but a Martyr.

I declare that I die a true and sincere Member of the Church of *England*, but not of the Revolution Schismatick Church, whose Bishops have so rebelliously abandoned the King, and so shamefully given up the Rights of the Church, by submitting to the unlawful Invalid Lay Deprivations of the Prince of *Orange*. The Communion I die in, is that of the true Catholick Non-juring Church of *England*, and I pray God to prosper and increase it, and to grant, if it be his good Pleasure, that it may rise again and flourish.

I heartily beg Pardon of all whom I have in any Manner, and at any Time injur'd and Offended; I do particularly implore Forgiveness of God and my King, for having so far swerv'd from my Duty as to comply with the Usurpation, in swearing Allegiance to it, and acting in Publick Posts by the Usurpers Commissions, which were void of all Power and Authority. God knows my Heart, I did this at first thro' Ignorance and Error; but after I had recollected myself, and inform'd my Judgement better, I repented and drew my Sword for the King, and now submit my self to this violent Death for his Sake. I heartily pray God, my Penitence and my Sufferings may atone for my former Crimes; and this I beg, through the Merits, Mediation, and Sufferings of my dearest Saviour Christ Jesus.

I do sincerely forgive all my Enemies, especially those who have either caus'd or increas'd the Destructions in Church or State; I pray God have Mercy upon them and spare them, because they are the Work of his own Hands, and because they are redeemed with his Son's most precious Blood. I do particularly forgive from the Bottom of my Heart the Elector of *Brunswick* who murders me, my unjust pretended Judges and Jury who convicted and condemned me, Mr. *Patten* and Mr. *Carnaby*, Evidences who swore against me at my Trial; and I do here declare upon the Words of a dying Man (and all my *Northumberland* Fellow Prisoners can testify the same) that the Evidence they gave was so far from being the Truth, the whole Truth, and nothing but the Truth, that in Relation to my Indictment, they swore not one true Thing against me, but many absolute Falshoods. I pray God forgive them, for I am sure I do.

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Lastly, I forgive all who had any Hand in the Surrender at *Preston*, for they have surrender'd away my Life, and I would to God that were the only bad Consequence of it; but alas! it is too plain, that the Surrenderers not only Ruin'd many of his Majesty's brave and faithful Subjects, but gave up their King and Country into the Bargain; for it was then in their Power to have restor'd the King with Triumph to his Throne, and thereby to have made us a happy People. We had repuls'd our Enemies at every Attack, and were ready, willing, and able to have Attack'd them on our Side; even our Common Men were Brave, Courageous and Resolute; on the other hand, their's were directly the contrary, inso much that after they had run away from our first Fire, they could never be brought so much as to endeavour to stand a second. This I think myself oblig'd in Justice to mention, that Mr. *Wills* may not impose upon the World as if he and his Troops had Conquer'd us, and gain'd the Victory; for the Truth is, after we had Conquer'd them, our Superiors thought fit to Capitulate and Ruin us. I wish them God's and the King's Pardon for it.

May it please the Almighty to Bless, Preserve, and Restore our only Rightful and Lawful Sovereign King *James* the Third; may He direct His Councils and prosper His Arms; may He bring Him to His Kingdom, and set the Crown upon His Head; may He protect Him from the Malice of His Enemies, and defend Him from those, who, for a Reward, would Slay Him Innocent; may He grant Him in Health and Wealth long to Live; may He strengthen Him, that He may Vanquish and Overcome all His Enemies; and finally, when it pleases His Infinite Wisdom to take Him out of this World, may He take Him to Himself, and Reward Him with an Everlasting Crown of Glory in the next.

These, my Beloved Country-men, are the sincere Prayers; these the last Words of me, who am now a dying Person: And if you have any Regard to the last Breath of one who is just going out of the World, let me Beg of you to be Dutiful, Obedient, and Loyal to your only Sovereign Liege Lord King *James* the Third, be ever ready to serve him, and be sure you never fail to use all your Endeavours to Restore him, and whatever the Consequence be, remember that you have a good Cause and a gracious God, and expect a Recompence from him.

To that God, the God of Truth and Holiness, the Rewarder of all who suffer for Righteousness Sake, I commend my Soul, beseeching him to have Mercy upon it for the Sake of my dear Redeemer and Merciful Saviour *Jesus Christ* our Lord, Amen, Amen.

JULY 13. 1716.

John Hall.

POSTSCRIPT.

I Might reasonably have expected my Life would have been saved, since I had obtain'd Five Reprieves, but I find that the Duke of *Hanover*, and his Evil Counsellors who Guide him, have so little Virtue and Honour themselves, that they are resolv'd not to spare my Life, because I would not purchase it upon Base and Dishonourable Terms. I have Reason to think, that at first I could have secur'd both Life and Fortune, if I would have pleaded Guilty; and I doubt not but I might since have obtain'd Favour, if I would have petition'd in a Vile and Scandalous Manner; but I was resolv'd to do nothing whereby I should have disown'd my King, and denied my Principles; and I thank my good God, both for inspiring me with his holy Resolution, and for giving me the Grace to perform it.

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